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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EUROGROUP COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF

EUROGROUP MEETING JUNE 13:

BEGIN TEXT:

COMMUNIQUE

1. THE EUROGROUP (1) MET AT NATO HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS ON 13 JUNE 1974 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MINISTER ALV JAKOB FOSTERVOLL (NORWAY).  
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2. AS PART OF THEIR CONTINUING CONCERN TO MANAGE IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY THE RESOURCES WHICH THEIR COUNTRIES DEVOTE TO DEFENCE, MINISTERS EXAMINED PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION WHICH THEY AGREED IN 1972. THEY REVIEWED

THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE VARIOUS PROJECT AREAS AND UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR, AND IMPORTANCE OF, ACHIEVING FURTHER PROGRESS IN ARMAMENTS COOPERATION. THEY DISCUSSED, IN PARTICULAR, THE NEED TO INCREASE THE STANDARDISATION AND INTEROPERABILITY OF EQUIPMENT AMONG THE ARMED FORCES OF THE ALLIANCE. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY HEARD WITH INTEREEST A STATEMENT BY THEIR CHAIRMAN ON THE ATTEMPT BEING MADE BY BELGIUM, DENMARK, NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY TO FIND A COMMON SOLUTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE F104G AIRCRAFT AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. THEY NOTED THE INTEREST WHICH CANDA WAS SHOWING IN THIS MATTER.

3. THEY WELCOMED A REPORT BY THE NETHERLANDS MINISTER ABOUT THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY EUROLONGTERM IN TACKLING THE DIFFICULT BUT IMPORTANT PROBLEM OF PRODUCING AGREED TACTICAL CONCEPTS AS A BASIS FOR PREPARING THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AGAINST WHICH COLLABORATION ON FUTURE WEAPONS SYSTEMS SHOULD PROCEED.

4. THEY DISCUSSED THE ROLE OF EUROPEAN INDUSTRY IN PROCURING EQUIPMENT

FOR NATO FORCES AND AGREED THAT, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE, THERE WAS A NEED TO MAINTAIN A HIGHLY DEVELOPED TECHNOLOGICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL BASE IN EUROPE, WHILE ALSO SEEKING TO ACHIEVE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN ARMS PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE. THEY RECOGNISED THE ATTENTION CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN WITHIN NATO TO THIS QUESTION AND FORMULATE DETAILED PROPOSALS IN SUPPORT OF THIS OBJECTIVE. THEY AGREED

TO RESUME THEIR DISCUSSION AT A LATER MEETING.

5. THE BELGIAN, GERMAN AND UNITED KINGDOM MINISTERS REPORTED ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE STUDIES LED BY THEIR COUNTRIES INTO, RESPECTIVELY, INCREASED CO-OPERATION IN MEDICAL SERVICES, TRAINING AND LOGISTIC UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORT. MINISTERS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE SUBGROUPS IN DETAIL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING AND ASKED FOR FULL REPORTS TO BE PREPARED. MINISTERS ALSO REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF THE SPECIAL EUROPEAN DEFENCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AND NOTED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAMME WAS ALMOST COMPLETE.

6. MINISTERS ALSO HELD A FULL DISCUSSION ON GENERAL ISSUES FACING THE ALLIANCE WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THEIR EFFECT ON EUROPE AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS COULD MAKE TOWARD THEIR SOLUTION. THEY WELCOMED THE CONCLUSION OF THE RECENT US/GERMAN OFFSET AGREEMENT AND NOTED THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS SOLVING THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS CAUSED FOR THE UNITED STATES BY THE STATIONING OF THEIR FORCES IN EUROPE. THEY AGREED TO EXAMINE FUTURE TRENDS IN EUROPEAN DEFENCE AND REITERATED THEIR DETERMINATION THAT THE EUROGROUP SHOULD STRENGTHEN THE IMPORTANT

PART IT PLAYS IN DEVELOPING  
EUROPEAN DEFENCE CAPABILITIES IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER.

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(1) BELGIUM, DENMARK, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY,  
LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM.

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